# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Office of Financial Services Real Estate Section

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Assessments

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#### Saint Paul Streets Program

### **Cost of Street Projects**

#### Project Cost Versus City Cost

- Project cost calculated by the Department of Public Works
- City cost component of project cost
  - Covers street work only
  - Often less than project cost since other non-street work (sewers, water lines, etc.) not included

## Financing Street Projects

- Previous financing street improvement bonds
  - Required 20% of project costs assessed to property owners
- Current financing street reconstruction bonds
  - Requires City Council—approved 5-year plan for street reconstruction projects
  - No minimum assessment percentage required



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## **Determining the Assessment**

- Assessment rates were mailed directly to properties on the corridor
- Public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2020



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## **Determining the Assessment**

- Determine assessable cost portion of city cost to be assessed
- Calculate per-foot assessment rate divide amount by total frontage
- Calculate each property's assessment multiply assessment rate by each property's frontage
- Verify reasonableness of assessments based on appraisal firm analysis of project benefit to property values



#### Assessment Schedule

### **Assessment Process/Approval**

- Construction approved April 15, 2020(Final Order)
- Assessment approved fall of 2020 (Ratification of Assessment)

#### **Pending Assessment**

- Assessment is "pending" after the Final Order is approved
  - Visible for property owners or title companies
  - Payments are accepted (partial or full)

#### **Levied Assessment**

- Assessment is "levied" after the Ratification of Assessment is approved
  - Invoice mailed, 30 days to pay to avoid interest
  - If not fully paid, annual installments automatically go onto property taxes
  - Paid over 20 years with simple interest and a flat fee
- Delayed payment of Special Assessment for Senior Citizens or Permanently Disabled
  - Not a forgiveness of the assessment
  - Interest accrues the same as non-deferred



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### **Sanitary Sewer and Water Connections**

- Requested by property owner
- Separate assessment(s)

View / pay assessment at www.stpaul.gov/assessments

